

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested.

There are no new amendments to the claims. The pending claims include claims 1-5, 8, 9, 11-15, 18-21, 23, 25-29, 32, 33, 35, and 69-75.

In the Advisory Action dated March 4, the Examiner indicated that the claims are in condition for allowance except for the rejection of all pending claims on the ground of obviousness-type double patenting as unpatentable over claims 1-13 of U.S. Patent 6,444,445. In response, we enclose here an executed terminal disclaimer and Statement Under 37 CFR 3.73(b), both signed by the assignee, which is believed to address the issue. We also submit concurrently assignments to the assignee, signed by the respective inventors. Copies are also submitted separately for recordal.

All of the Examiner's outstanding art rejections have been addressed, and the application is believed to be in allowable form. Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner has any questions or would like to make suggestions as to claim language, she is encouraged to contact Marlana K. Titus at (301) 977-7227.

Respectfully submitted,



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